Ethics Exam 2

- Review the content below in preparation for the May 10 exam
- Study by carefully re-reading assigned texts and any lecture notes you’ve taken

Section 5 The Problem of Obedience
On the Tendency to Obey Unjust Authority

- Review the set up for the obedience experiments—be able to thoroughly describe the experiments and summarize its results.

- Review the notion of the agentic state and its relevance to Milgram’s Obedience Experiments.

- Review the conclusions about obedience that Milgram draws from his experiments.

- Review the Christmas Truce of WWI—be able to summarize the event and why its relevant to discussions about obedience.

Section 6 Jim Crow, Lynching Terror, and Origins of Police:
On the Hidden History Evil in America

- Review the Reconstruction Era—be able to specific questions about this period.

- Review some of the inhumane, seemingly absurd, segregation laws.

- Be able to summarize what the common (sanitized) historical narrative of the civil rights struggle and why this narrative is misleading.

- Review mob violence and lynching violence—be able to answer specific questions about what lynchings often involved and what their social purpose was.

- Review the relationship between American race laws and the development Nazism

- Review David Cochran’s and the Knights of the Flaming Circle argument about the unusual history of the category “white.”
Section 7 Existentialist Ethics:
On Whether Human Existence has Meaning

- Review Nietzsche’s notion of the "death of God" and the eternal return of the same (the "greatest weight")—be able to answer questions about what Nietzsche means by these concepts.

Section 8 Civil Rights Movement:
On the (Im)Morality of Breaking the Law

- Review and be able to summarize the "white moderate" view that protests are divisive and unity is required to solve social problems.

- Review King’s response to the Clergy—be able to answer questions about why King argues protest and tension is necessary, good, and just.

- Review King’s concepts of “negative peace” and “positive peace”

- Review King’s argument that the white moderate prefers “order over justice” and relies on a “mythical conception of time.”